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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Our long silence was due to the fact that I have just returned from a trip to the N.Y. World Fair, via the Panama Canal. One of the high points was seeing Royal Poinciana trees in full bloom at Acapulco and Nassau. Had never seen them before and we were certainly impressed by their beauty.

Have not yet had a chance to go through all the accumulation of mail on my desk, but these will do for a start.

No. 1 - from Walnut Creek, Contra Costa Co.: "What is the enclosed plant which I found in a creek near our home, and could find only this one plant."

No. 2 - Grover City, San Luis Obispo Co.: "The enclosed flowers and leaves are from a plant I have and I'd like the name. The flowers droop like weeping willow and it will grow 4 or 5 feet tall - and multiply by seed."

No. 3 - San Francisco: "Can you identify this as sagebrush? Commonly found throughout the desert regions of Nevada."

No. 4 - Bellflower, L.A. Co.: "Would you please tell me what kind of a tree this is? It doesn't put out its leaves early in the spring like other trees. It is just now leafing out."

Realize that you must have fruit or flower to identify plants positively, but thought you just might happen to recognize the leaf. Will send for a better specimen if the leaf alone means nothing.

Thanks again for any help you may be able to give on these.

Sincerely,

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